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**National Service Legislation Co-Sponsored by Rep. Doris Matsui on Its Way to President Obama**

*Legislation Expands National Service Programs in Sacramento and Across the Country; Invests in New Era of Community Service at a Time of Economic Challenges*

**Washington, D.C.** – Rep. Doris Matsui (CA-05) issued the following statement today in regards to the final passage of H.R. 1388, the Senator Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act of 2009, formerly known as the GIVE Act, which she co-sponsored:

“As a Co-Chair of the National Service Caucus and a Co-Sponsor of this bill, I was happy to support the efforts to move this bill through Congress and to the President’s desk. The reauthorization of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the first in 15 years, takes programs and infrastructure that have touched so many lives, and builds off of its foundation to greatly increase the quantity and improve the quality of service that we as a nation work to provide. The Serve America Act supports programs like the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), which provides disaster relief, emergency response, infrastructure improvement, environmental and energy conservation, and urban and rural development each day in the Sacramento area, and throughout the country in times of need. The President and Senator Kennedy have inspired millions to serve, and we must seize upon this desire to serve our nation during such trying times. With so many children to tutor, houses to build, roads to repair, mouths to feed, and lives to inspire, we could not have waited another moment. The spirit of service has been renewed during a time of economic challenge, and it is time for our government to foster a continued dedication to our country’s prosperity through national service.”

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